

**Forest Land-Gadchiroli**

**Diversion of 1.8278 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the Road in RoW of MDR-02, ODR-03, SH-377, MDR-35, ODR-44, MDR-01, SH-315 and VR-36 from Kasari (Tu) to Malewada Route in Kurkheda and Wadsa Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Government Order No.: FLD-36A23/CR.211/F-10  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032  
Date:- 27.07.2023**

**Reference:-**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur  
Letter No. Desk-17/ Yavatmal/FCA-S1 /PID-426564/Gadchiroli/855, dt. 20.06.2023.

**Preamble:-**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 1.8278 ha. Forest land for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the Road in RoW of MDR-02, ODR-03, SH-377, MDR-35, ODR-44, MDR-01, SH-315 and VR-36 from Kasari (Tu) to Malewada Route in Kurkheda and Wadsa Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

**Order:-**

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-Principle**' approval to the diversion of 1.8278 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the Road in RoW of MDR-02, ODR-03, SH-377, MDR-35, ODR-44, MDR-01, SH-315 and VR-36 from Kasari (Tu) to Malewada Route in Kurkheda and Wadsa Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Comptt No.	Survey No.	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (Sq.m)	Area (Ha.)	Legal Status
1	Kasari Tu	107	0	2556.45	0.50	1278.23	0.1278	RF
2	Dongarmendha	902	35	1197.71	0.50	598.855	0.0599	PF
3	Kalamgaon	904	39	1290.48	0.50	645.24	0.0645	PF
4	Shankarpur	905	248	241.96	0.50	120.98	0.0121	PF
5	Vitthalgaon	914	13	269.91	0.50	134.955	0.0135	PF
6	Vihirgaon	860	274	93.25	0.50	46.625	0.0047	PF
		858	143	263.77	0.50	131.885	0.0132	PF

		858	133	654.79	0.50	327.395	0.0327	PF
		82	0	3355.41	0.50	1677.705	0.1678	RF
		80	0	2940.42	0.50	1470.21	0.1470	RF
		79	0	2507.25	0.50	1253.625	0.1254	RF
		78	95	947.4	0.50	473.7	0.0474	RF
		78	87	674.86	0.50	337.43	0.0337	RF
7	Shirpur	86	130	442.84	0.50	221.42	0.0221	PF
		816	131	412.44	0.50	206.22	0.0206	PF
		816	320	428.83	0.50	214.415	0.0214	PF
8	Kharkada	1136	127	389.48	0.50	194.74	0.0195	PF
		1137	3	161.14	0.50	80.57	0.0081	PF
		1137	97	149.28	0.50	74.64	0.0075	PF
9	Ganguli	1137	96	590.64	0.50	295.32	0.0295	PF
		298	95	457.33	0.50	228.665	0.0229	RF
		293	102	10.65	0.50	5.325	0.0005	RF
10	Palasgaon	1130	120	310.34	0.50	155.17	0.0155	PF
		1130	122	238.84	0.50	119.42	0.0119	PF
		1126	53	893.96	0.50	446.98	0.0447	PF
		1126	52	41.92	0.50	20.96	0.0021	PF
11	Chinegaon	1126	59	189.13	0.50	94.565	0.0095	PF
		291	84	805.74	0.50	402.87	0.0403	RF
		291	85	973.45	0.50	486.725	0.0487	RF
		1124	44	1267.77	0.50	633.885	0.0634	PF
12	Chandagad	1122	51	354.57	0.50	177.285	0.0177	PF
		288	71	88.44	0.50	44.22	0.0044	RF
13	Salaitola	1120	5	631.76	0.50	315.88	0.0316	PF
14	Dhushi Masahat	279	29	967.13	0.50	483.565	0.0484	RF
		282	126	267.76	0.50	133.88	0.0134	RF
15	Chichewada	282	136	893.5	0.50	446.75	0.0447	RF
		262	151	559.89	0.50	279.945	0.0280	RF
16	Yengalkheda	262	198	108.3	0.50	54.15	0.0054	RF
		336	0	3582.34	0.50	1791.17	0.1791	RF
17	Neharpaili	329A	0	1013.61	0.50	506.805	0.0507	RF
		347	1	1408.46	0.50	704.23	0.0704	RF
		1227	6	603.51	0.50	301.755	0.0302	PF
18	Kasari	1227	52	693.68	0.50	346.84	0.0347	PF
		348	53	624.96	0.50	312.48	0.0312	RF
<b>Total</b>				<b>36555.35</b>			<b>1.8278</b>	

**2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-**

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land at village- Kasari Tu., (Comp. No. 107), village-Vihirgaon (Comp. No. 79, 80 & 82) and village- Neharpaili, (Comp. No. 336 & 329A) along with Stage-I compliance.
- 3) Deputy Conservator of Forests has certified that proposed forest area is part of Tiger Corridor, therefore user agency shall obtain wildlife clearance and / or ensure compliance of mitigation measures if required and suggested by the PCCF (Wildlife).

- 4) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
- 5) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.5 meter width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
- 6) If bank guarantee is not submitted with concern Road Authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 7) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
- 8) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 9) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 10) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 11) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 12) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 13) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 14) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 15) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 16) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 17) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.

- 18) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
  - 19) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
  - 20) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
  - 21) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
  - 22) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
  - 23) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
  - 24) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website [www.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.maharashtra.gov.in) with reference No. 202307271338428719. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

**(Ganesh Jadhao)**  
**Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra**

**Copy to:-**

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2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), M.S., Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
7. Collector, Gadchiroli.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wadsa.
11. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur.
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